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- (1) "Notification of Reason(s) for Refusal" dated September 6, 2005 and issued by the Japanese Patent Office for counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-287474, together with an English-language translation thereof;

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